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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN RUG AND TAPESTRY EXHIBIT

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1. COUNCIL OF SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION CONFIRMED TO US IN AUGUST 6 LETTER FROM DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS VASILE ILEASA THAT ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ADVISED COUNCIL OF POSSIBLE BOOKINGS FOR EXHIBIT IN CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 2, 1975 AND MARCH 16, 1976. COUNCIL SAID THESE CITIES ARE ACCEPTABLE AND REITERATED STRONG WISH FOR SHOWING IN CLEVELAND (HOPEFULLY IN PERIOD OCTOBER 1 THROUGH 20) AND IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK DURING PERIOD EARLY APRIL TO MID-JUNE 1976. ACTION REQUESTED: PLS ADVISE (A) STATUS OF CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT BOOKINGS; (B) POSSIBILITIES FOR CLEVELAND SHOWING AND (C) NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON POSSIBILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ROMANIAN CONTACTS DISCUSSED PARA TWO BELOW.

2. RE WASHINGTON SHOWINGS, ILEASA LETTER MENTIONED RECENT CONTACT IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN ROMANIAN IMPRESARIO (ARIA) OFFICIALS VASILE FLOREA AND DAN NEGREANU WHO WERE RECENTLY IN U.S. ON PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES CULTURAL SPECIALISTS GRANTS. THEY DISCUSSED EXHIBIT WITH EILEEN

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ROSE, PROJECT DIRECTOR, AND EILEEN HAKAKEL, EXHIBITS
COORDINATOR, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION WHO EVINCE STRONG
INTEREST IN SHOWING EXHIBIT IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK
UNDER SMITHSONIAN AUSPICES IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL.
WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH FLOREA AND NEGREANU
INDEPENDENT OF THE ILEASA LETTER AND WOULD APPRECIATE
AGENCY'S CONFIRMATION OF EXTENT OF SMITHSONIAN'S INTEREST
AND HOW THIS CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTUAL SHOWINGS.

3. IF CLEVELAND BOOKING OCTOBER CAN BE FIRMED UP,
COUNCIL PLANS TO SHIP EXHIBIT FROM HERE AROUND SEPTEMBER
15 BY ROMANIAN AIRLINES (TAROM) TO NEW YORK. ADVISE
WHETHER THIS TENTATIVE PLAN IS FEASIBLE.

4. IN LIGHT OF EXTENSIVE COOPERATION RECEIVED
FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USA EXHIBIT DURING ITS SHOWINGS HERE
BETWEEN OCTOBER AND MAY AND THE COUNCIL'S GENERALLY
GOOD RECORD OF SUPPORTING OUR EXHIBIT ACTIVITY, WE
HOPE THAT SCHEDULING OF THE ROMANIAN EXHIBIT IN U.S.
CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITH MAXIMAL FLEXIBILITY. (FYI-
IN THINLY VEILED ALLUSION TO FACT OUR EXHIBIT ACTIVITY
IN ROMANIA IS FAR MORE EXTENSIVE THAN ROMANIA'S I
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TX.S., ILEASA NOTED IN HIS LETTER THAT "COUNCIL WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO SEND TO THE U.S. ANOTHER
REPRESENTATIVE FOLK ART EXHIBIT IN THE NEXT TWO OR
THREE YEARS". HE HOPES THAT ALL POSSIBLE BOOKINGS
DISCUSSED TO DATE CAN BE FIRMED UP. END FYI)
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